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/***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/

BODY COUNTRY: (U) GHANA (GH); BURUNDI (BY); SIERRA LEONE
(SL); SOUTH AFRICA (SF); SWEDEN (SW); ETHIOPIA (ET);
ERITREA (ER).

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SUBJ: /POSSIBLE NEW PEACEKEEPING
MISSION FOR GHANA ARMED FORCES (U)
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USC 3024(c), Sec. 1.4(c)SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ THE GHANA ARMED FORCES HAS BEGUN
PLANNING TO POTENTIALLY DEPLOY A UNIT TO PARTICIPATE IN
AN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FORCE FOR BURUNDI. SEVERAL
KEY DEFENSE OFFICIALS ARE MAKING AN URGENT TRIP TO
SOUTH AFRICA.

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TEXT: 1. ~~(S)~~ AS OF LATE
FEBRUARY 2001, SENIOR GHANA ARMED FORCES (GAF) LEADERS
BEGAN DRAWING UP PLANS FOR POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION IN
AN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FORCE FOR BURUNDI. THE GAF
LEADERS' ACTION WAS PROMPTED BY THE REPORTED STRONG
DESIRE OF FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT AND CURRENT
MEDIATOR FOR THE BURUNDI CRISIS, NELSON ((MANDELA)),
FOR GHANA TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A FORCE.2. ~~(S)~~ ON 27 FEBRUARY, STAFF OFFICERS AT GAF GENERAL
HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED ORDERS TO BEGIN COORDINATING AN
IMMINENT TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA BY GHANAIAAN MINISTER FOR

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DEFENSE DR. KWAME ((ADDO-KUFUOR)); MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
CHIEF DIRECTOR ALHAJI S.S. ((SAAKA)); AND GAF CHIEF OF
THE DEFENSE STAFF (CDS) LIEUTENANT GENERAL B.K.
((AKAFIA)).

3. (C)

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4. (C)

THE GAF REMAINS
COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SECOND BATTALION TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION IN SIERRA LEONE (UNAMSIL) AS
SOON AS LOGISTICS CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED. (SOURCE A
COMMENTS. EQUIPMENT, AS SPECIFIED IN THE EXECUTION
ORDER, TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE U.S.-SPONSORED
OPERATION FOCUS RELIEF INITIATIVE WILL GO A LONG WAY TO
MEETING GAF LOGISTICS CONCERNS.) PLANS TO SEND A
MEDICAL UNIT TO SIERRA LEONE HAVE BEEN SCRUBBED BECAUSE
SWEDEN WILL NOT PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AS THE GAF HAD
EXPECTED. THE GAF IS CURRENTLY DETERMINING THE
LOGISTICAL FEASIBILITY OF DEPLOYING AN ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPANY TO THE UN MISSION IN ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA
(UNMEE), THOUGH PROSPECTS DON'T LOOK VERY BRIGHT.

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